



PATENT APPLICATION  
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Furthermore, Ishii (US 5,400,687), alone or in combination with any other art of record, does not teach, suggest or infer Applicant's present invention. Additionally, it is respectfully submitted that Examiner's reliance upon the combination of Lemelson and Ishii was improper, because Lemelson is not prior art to the pending application, and in any event, Lemelson did not teach, suggest or infer combination with Ishii.

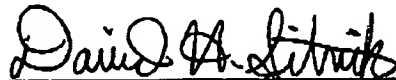
Claims 52, 77, 78, 97, and 98 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. However, in light of the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all objections as to Claims 52, 77, 78, 97, and 98, as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, are traversed and overcome.

Applicant's current amendments to claims have been made for clarification purposes to promote a better understanding of the claims' language and meanings for Examiner. These amendments have not been made in response to any art of record.

Applicant respectfully submits that all bases of Examiner's objections and rejections have been successfully traversed and overcome, and that all claims 1-115 are in proper form for allowance. Reconsideration is requested taking the form of a withdrawal of the Final Rejection and issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

The Examiner is invited to directly communicate with the undersigned, if it will in any way facilitate the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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